



Snippets – November 2023



*Halton Quilters Guild -
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November 2, 2023

*Meetings are held monthly
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Next Meeting:
December 7, 2023

President's Message

Leann Goodall

Last month the neighbourhood trees started to shed their leaves. Now we can't keep them raked up in piles and off the driveway.

My planning is underway for holiday gifts; the "To Make" list is a lot longer than the "Made" list. Hopefully I can get everything done in time. Those last three vacation days that I haven't booked just might be used to finish my sewing!

It has been wonderful to see so many at the general meeting. Each month we have more people attending, with new members to welcome and guests to greet. In October meeting some guests told me that they had been made to feel very welcome! In fact, several guests signed up for membership after the meeting! We are a friendly guild.

*A number of members stopped by to pick out a crayon in the **Return to Childhood** President's Challenge. If you haven't done so yet, I will have the bag of crayons available before and after the November meeting as well as during the break. And speaking of challenges, I'm really enjoying the Vice President's Challenge!*

Leann

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What to bring to the November meeting:

Your name tag

\$40 to renew your membership

Items for the Loonie Auction (LAST CALL!)

Outreach - Comfort Quilts and Halton Hearts

VP Challenge block for November

\$\$ for the 50/50 Draw (Ticket sales close at 7 p.m.)

Items for the Free Table

Sew and Share

Members with **E to G** surnames provide the treats



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Susan Atherton, Editor

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Patti Wiggs

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Outreach (Neonatal)	Ermy Akers and Pamela Simons
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Social Media (Website)	Susan Atherton
Workshops / Quilt Along	Katherine Hunter

Social

It's time to eat, drink and reconnect at November's Guild Meeting!

*Once again we can look forward to enjoying delicious treats from our members. For November, those with **E to G** surnames provide them. Please remember to label items which are gluten-free or may contain nuts. Coffee and tea will once again be served. Please bring your own mug.*

December Pot Luck Dinner
 March N to R
 June Pot Luck Dinner

January H to K
 April S to V

February L & M
 May W to Z

**and if you miss your turn, please bring it in May!*

Social Committee

Membership

Marilyn McKague, Donna Anthony and Joanne Moloney

With the addition of new members **Luella Frazer** and **Marilyn Burgess** at October's meeting plus the return of member **Carol Weland** last month, our membership now stands at **130!**

We welcome you all and hope you will take advantage of what our guild has to offer - sew days, workshops, Wednesday Chats, Sew and Share of our quilts, Comfort Quilt kits and special events. Be sure to read Snippets, the guild newsletter to keep informed about all the goings on.

MEMBERS

\$40.00

Thank you to everyone who renewed their guild membership (payment details may be found in September's Snippets). Our membership list is "in the works" and will be sent out shortly. Once you receive it, please remember to check that there are no errors or omissions. We rely on you to do our proofing of the information.

We remind you that the Membership table at the meeting is for guests and new members. Badges and membership cards will be laid out at a table near the door so please check if yours is there. To ensure all runs smoothly at our meetings, please sign in at your table and use the envelopes provided to alert us to renewals, payments, change of information, etc. At the end of the meeting please have someone at your table bring the sign-in sheet, the pens or pencils and all the envelopes to the membership desk. THANKS!

Door prizes will be drawn from the names on our membership list. Six names will be drawn at each meeting. You must be in attendance to win.

HQG "Snips"

50/50 Draw Congratulations to **Kay Boyd** who won **\$107.50** in October. Tickets are 2 for \$1, 5 for \$2 and 20 for \$5! Ticket sales close at 7 p.m. *Susan Carter and Patricia Phillips*

Sew and Share / Photography Photos of items presented at Sew and Share may be sometimes posted to the HQG website. If you don't wish to have your quilt photographed and shared, please mention this as you are presenting your quilt. *Darla Youldon and Sharon Penney*

Secretary Do you know of a guild member who would appreciate receiving a sympathy or a get well card? Please contact me via email or phone. *Marsha Sharp and Cheryl Griffin*

Membership List Your membership list will help you get in touch with other guild members. Please remember to keep your information updated! *Membership Committee*

Halton Hearts ♥ Thank you to everyone who has sewn the flannel hearts. Kits will be available at the November meeting. *Ermy Akers and Pamela Simons*

Sew Days **November 21 and December 12** (both Tuesdays)

Sew days are a great way to get new ideas from other quilters ... and enjoy great company while you work on whatever project you wish to bring. Join us in the community room at District 3 Police Station, 3800 Constable Henshaw Blvd, Burlington (Walkers & Dundas) from 9 am to 4 pm, or in between! Space is limited so email me if interested. Happy Sewing! *Mindy Hewitt*

Weekly Online Chats **Wednesday Evenings** (7:00 to 9:00 p.m.)

Looking to stay in touch with other members and still sew from your sewing room? Join us on Wednesday evenings when we meet on Zoom to share ideas, chat and sew. Members will have received an email with the Zoom link (same each week), so you can add it to your calendar. We hope you can find the time to stop by and say "hello", ask for advice or simply see what other quilters are doing! (Note: There will not be a Chat on November 8.) *Cheryl Laine*

Programme

November 2, 2023

Sue Curran and Sue Williams



Barb Luscombe Making Small Landscape Quilts

Guest speaker **Barb Luscombe** from Florida makes small landscape quilts. Barb has put together a presentation to show how the process starts, where she draws inspiration, how she selects fabrics and how she assembles the quilt.



A quilter for the past 20 years, Barb started her quilt journey making bed sized quilts as wedding gifts. Following her recent retirement, Barb began to travel and enjoys taking photographs. Each time she travels to a new place, Barb then creates landscape quilts from her photographs. She has created her landscape quilts from scenes as diverse as the Mendenhall Glacier in Alaska to the Gauley River Gorge in West Virginia.

(Editor: Barb's other "claim to fame" is that she is the sister of Membership's **Marilyn McKague**!)

LOONIE AUCTION FUN

A Final Reminder about the Loonie Auction

November's meeting will be the last one at which we will accept items for the Loonie Auction. With your help, the baskets will be filled with wonderful treats for everyone to "ooh and aah" over PLUS fabric for a 3-yard quilt (and patterns).

Many thanks for your continued support of this worthwhile fundraiser for the **Burlington Food Bank** and the **Compassion Society of Halton**.

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President's Challenge 2023-2024

Leann Goodall

A Return to Childhood Challenge

Make a quilt, throw size or smaller, using only three colours: **white**, **black** and a **surprise colour**. The surprise colour will be selected by picking a crayon out of a bag. It is important to note that you are NOT restricted to three fabrics, but rather to just these three colours.

I will have the crayon bag ready at the November meeting. After you pull out a crayon, you will be able to create a colour swatch on a piece of paper to take with you. I will record your entry number with the actual crayon. Please note your number. As it is a "contest", I won't be recording names.

Finished quilt entries are to be presented at the May Guild meeting. Each entry will reference their entry number and the crayon will be displayed with the quilt.

Outreach

Quilts bring comfort ... one quilt at a time



One common thread among quilt guilds is the Outreach Committee which is responsible for providing quilts to those in need of comfort. The gift of a quilt brightens the bad days and acts as a comforting reminder of the kindness of others.

An important aim and objective of our guild is to **"participate in community projects"**. We have a proud history of making these "comfort quilts" and providing an important service to our community, donating quilts to local groups who make a difference and to individuals in need of comfort.

Comfort Quilts

Kay Boyd and Sue Curran



*As always, thank you to everyone who has picked up a Comfort Quilt kit, made a quilt top from their own stash or dropped off a completed quilt for donation. The quilts that we make send a message that "someone cares" to members of our community in need. *This number refers to the number of Comfort Quilts handed in for the current guild year. What a great start, everyone!*



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LEST WE FORGET

Susan Atherton

Each November the **Quilts of Valour - Canada Society** has been given a prominent place in the Comfort Quilts space in our newsletter. While not officially part of our guild, Quilts of Valour are recognized for their commitment to offer quilts to comfort past and present Canadian Forces members. For many years our guild was most fortunate to have as a member **Alison McDonald**, Regional Representative for Hamilton and area, and our members have made several quilts for this worthwhile organization.

Wanting to add something more to this page, I recalled how much the song **Boots and Bayonets** moves me. Written and performed by Canada's very own **Cathy Miller**, aka the Singing Quilter, imagine my surprise when I read the following in the insert for her CD **In the Heart of a Quilter**.

*"Judy Lyons told me about the **Burlington Teen (marching) Band** quilt that she helped the band make before their trip to perform at the 60th anniversary of D-Day in Europe. Each band member decorated a square to honour a veteran family member or friend, creating a powerful and lasting tribute. The quilt has prompted much conversation between generations."*

I am sure you recognized the name of our very own **Judy Lyons**! I contacted Judy and asked her to share some of the story during Sew and Share at the November meeting. Unfortunately the quilt is much too big to bring - it's 39 feet long!



QUILTS of VALOUR

"Our mission is to ensure that our Canadian Forces members are recognized for their service and commitment to our country. We give this support through the presentation of quilts to comfort our past and present Canadian Forces members in their time of need."

In 2006 **Lezley Zwaal** presented quilts to comfort and thank three Canadian Armed Forces members recovering in hospital. Meeting them and learning first hand of their injuries led to **Quilts of Valour - Canada**. A registered charity, its single purpose is to deliver quilts to comfort injured CAF members past and present. It relies on dedicated volunteers from across Canada as well as support from individuals and businesses to fulfil their mission.

**Handmade with love, respect and gratitude for your sacrifice for Canada.
May the hugs stitched into this quilt give you comfort, strength and love.**

21,393
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to date



Quilts of Valour - Canada surpassed last year's goal of 20,000 quilts and have presented **21,393** quilts to CAF members! Visit their website www.quiltsofvalour.ca to see photos of recipients with their quilts, read testimonials and learn more about QoV, If you have questions or quilts to donate, contact **Alison McDonald**, Regional Representative for Hamilton and area. **(Credit: the QOVC website)**

Knots and Patches

Katherine Hunter, Vice- President

Welcome to Fall! As the temperatures start to drop, our thoughts turn to cozy days and evenings spent at our sewing and quilting machines. Many of us are making gifts for the upcoming holiday season as both Thanksgiving and Hallowe'en have flown by.

The rope bowl workshop was full with everyone completing at least one project. It was interesting to see how many different patterns and embellishments were produced from one technique.



Our next workshop is mesh bags on November 9th and it is filling up quickly - only a few spots remain. It will take place in the Community Room at District 3 Police Station, Walkers Line and & Dundas in Burlington.



Last December we held a very successful **Loonie Auction**, raising ~\$1000 for the Compassion Society and Burlington Foodbank. Plans are full steam ahead for this year's event on December 7th with 15+ wonderful baskets up for grabs. We will have a practice run at November's meeting.

Here's how it works:

- *If you like the basket being offered, hold up your hand. The MC will point at you and give you a number. You are responsible to jot down the number AND put a loonie in the cup in the centre of the table. Bid as often as you like by jotting down each number and putting a loonie in the cup for each number.*
- *When the bidding is closed, a number is drawn – if it is your number, you win the basket!!*
- *A runner will collect the loonies from your table and we start over again with the next basket!*

The baskets will be chock full of goodies. Each has fabric for a three-yard quilt!! Rulers, notions, chocolates, teddy bears - there will be an absolute smorgasbord of delights. There's still time to give items for the auction, so if you have something, please bring it to the November meeting.

I'm having fun with the **Vice President's Challenge**, looking for different block patterns to make the most of Northcott's fabric donation. I found two great sites with free patterns – Shabbyfabrics.com and Quiltedtwins.com. I spent some time on the Quilted Twins site and discovered a plethora of free quilt patterns that use scraps. Pictured below are just three of the many patterns available – all designed by Becky Tillman Petersen. All the patterns are downloadable and may be used by guilds or individuals. The Hanging Birdhouses reminds me of Hanging Gardens, the mystery quilt from a few years back, using scraps as the centres. This one is next on my list to make.



HANGING BIRDHOUSES

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BIG BLOCK



DOTS AND DASHES

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Happy Sewing, Everyone! Enjoy the fall weather and get outside to take in the colours of the leaves. Winter is just around the corner and a little bird told me there is going to be snow.

Katherine

Workshops 2023/24

Katherine Hunter

November: Mesh Bags with Ida Coleman

The workshop will be in the community room at the **District 3 Police Station, 3800 Constable Henshaw Blvd. Burlington** (Walkers & Dundas).

Ida has sent participants the colour of the mesh with which they will be working. You will need 1/2 meter or 2 fat quarters of fabric. If you are not sure, bring a second choice. If you have chosen directional fabric, you will want to bring the 1/2 meter. The cost for the mesh bag material and nylon webbing will be \$15.00 each.

BRING: a working sewing machine with power cord, a regular foot, a 1/4" foot and extra needles 14 or 16
 - a rotary knife, cutting board, ruler 18" or longer, pins, chalk pen
 - thread that goes with your material choice as top stitching is required
 - a barbecue lighter, if you have one, as it is needed to melt the ends of nylon webbing after it is cut to length

Upcoming 2023 / 2024 Workshops

December: Disappearing Blocks

February: Project Bag

April: Hunter Star Quilt

June: English Paper Piecing

January: Sewer's Work Station

March: Fabric Collage

May: Paper Piecing



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SNIPPETS FROM OUR PAST

Desiree Thyme and Susan Atherton

March 1988 Guild founder **Rosemary Makhan** was featured in the Burlington Post (Winning Quilt Took 400+ Hours) with her **Anniversary Album** applique quilt. It had ranked fifth among 2500 entrants in an American quilting contest - the Big 200 competition sponsored by Quilters' Newsletter Magazine! The same quilt won Rosemary both the President's Choice and the Viewer's Choice awards at our Quilt Show the previous year.



1988/89 (155 members) The guild continued to meet on the third Thursday of the month at Central Baptist Church. Members also decided to meet monthly in the church basement to "Sew and Chat". The guild executive decided to join the **Ontario Arts Council**.

Our **eleventh** Quilt Show at the River Oaks Recreation Centre featured 180 items on display and a paid attendance of 1514 over the three days.

The annual spring bus outing took members across the border for a 3 day trip to Pennsylvania! It was reported in the guild newsletter that a member returned home with 67 1/4 yards!

1989/90 (132 members) The membership fee was increased to \$20.

In November the guild held their first Garage Sale, whereby members brought items to sell at the last meeting before the holidays. (Remember they meet on the third Thursday of the month!)

Our biggest numbers of quilted items (207!) were on display at River Oaks Recreation Centre for our **twelfth** Quilt Show. The paid attendance was 1570. This quilt show featured a first - an official drink - Diet Pepsi!

Two bus trips were arranged this year - the annual spring outing took members east to Kingston with a second day trip arranged to take members to Quilt Canada 1990 in Waterloo!

The guild decided it could afford to "import" a well-known quilter (preferably someone from Western Canada) for a special workshop to be held in 1991. Members were asked to offer suggestions.

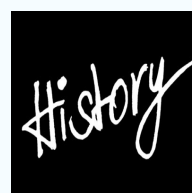
Plans for our guild's amazing **Friendship Quilt** project were put in place. Watch for a special feature on this amazing project in the next issue of Snippets!

1990/91 (143 members)

In February the guild joined the Oakville Arts Council.

Attendance for the **thirteenth** Quilt Show was a record high 2,147 visitors! And, as always, it was "the work of many who made it such an amazing success".

In May **Rosemary Makhan** was made an honorary member for life - the first one. *An appropriate choice, of course!*



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Stitches in Time Quilt Show Corner

Desiree Thyme and Cathy Lamothe

QUILT SHOW NEWSFLASH!

The date is changed but the venue remains the same!

May 30th and 31st, 2025 at the **Sheridan Conference Centre**

WHY? We discovered that there are already many shows in May of 2024. We can't secure vendors or attendees and we don't want to compete with other guilds. The upside is we now have an extra year to plan this amazing show!

SAVE THE NEW DATE!

Quilt Show Updates:

- Check out the **Quilt Show Corner** at the Marketplace area at our monthly meetings.
- Drop off your **folded 6" squares** there!
- We will continue to have **in person quilt show meetings** following the general meetings each month. All are welcome! No commitment!

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Block of the Month

Sheila Keating, Cheryl Griffin and Barbara Laycock

DECEMBER - Simple Magic Star block (14" unfinished)

**Block
of the
Month**



This block is sewn together in 4 sections with 4 squares, then joined together to complete the finished block.

Cut sixteen (16) 4" squares of the same fabric (your choice)

OR four (4) 4" squares of the same colour for each section, which means your block will then have four colours.

Cut twelve (12) 2 1/2" squares of white / tone on tone fabric.

Assembly of one section:

Snowball* one corner of 3 - 4" squares with 2 1/2" white squares with a diagonal line drawn on the wrong side.

Sew a threads width away from the line toward outer edge.

After this is sewn, fold the inside flap over to meet exactly with the outer sides of coloured square. Then trim off extra fabric triangle from the back.

Press. Pressing seams open will reduce bulk when sewing squares together.

Sew sections together (4 squares) as follows:

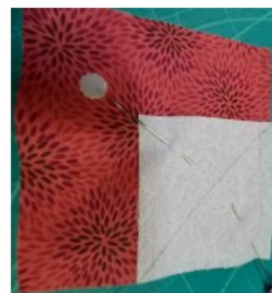
Top left - square without snowball

Top right - square with snowball on lower right

Bottom left - square with snowball on lower right

Bottom right - square with snowball on upper left

Press. Continue with the other 3 sections; then join the four sections together to complete the block.



(Editor: *I'll admit it. I had to ask someone what "snowball" is. Thank you, **Sheila Keating!***)

"Snowball" means taking a small square, marking a line diagonally on the back and sewing close to the right hand side of the line. When the square is folded on itself, it should be the same as the big square along the outer edge. Then cut away the extra fabric on the back.

Congratulations to **Patrica Troke**
who won the BoM blocks for October!

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Quilters HELPING Members of our Community!

When guild members meet to celebrate the upcoming holiday season with a traditional Pot Luck Dinner in December, we also remember the needs of others in our community through our support of the Compassion Society of Halton.



The Compassion Society is a registered charity which responds to the needs of the community by providing food, clothing, everyday household articles and referrals to local resources.

The non-perishable food items, toiletries and personal care items donated at December's guild meeting will make gift baskets for members of our community in need. Please keep in mind that items are needed for *both* men and women.

Here are some suggestions for non-perishable food items:



canned vegetables - peas, carrots, mixed, corn kernels (not creamed)

canned meats and fish

canned tomatoes (paste, diced or pureed)

pasta and sauce

cereal, oatmeal

peanut butter

white flour, sugar

instant coffee, tea, sugar

fruit juice boxes

cooking oil, vinegars

healthy snacks for school lunches

Here are some suggestions for toiletries and personal care items:



body wash, washcloths

shampoo, conditioner

deodorant

feminine hygiene products

incontinence products

laundry detergent

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